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Rising water, rising concerns

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Over a hundred people attended an "emergency preparedness" community meeting Wednesday hosted by the City of West Sacramento. With Hurricane Katrina fresh on the nation's mind, and the Sacramento area's propensity to flood profiled recently in the region's media, they brought a lot of questions with them.

And at least a few of the visitors were not entirely happy with the answers they got regarding official methods of dealing with the flood threat.

On hand to explain flood protection and emergency plans were Ken Ruzich, manager of the Reclamation District 900 flood protection district, and Bill Summers of the West Sacramento Fire Department.

Summers told the crowd:

"Emergency preparedness is as much your responsibility as it is the city's responsibility, the county's, the state's and so forth. Depending on the size of a problem, it may very well be that you will have to take care of yourself for the first 72 hours. You have to make a plan and you need to exercise the plan. Hopefully, if you're intent on what's going on around you, you should be fairly safe."

Summers noted that local police and fire personnel had trained with others in recent exercises including a simulation of a plane crash at Harbor Blvd. and a simulated truck explosion on the Tower Bridge. He said they have learned how to better coordinate their efforts in an emergency. But he mostly talked about the local threat of flooding.

One resident asked what would happen if Folsom Dam failed.

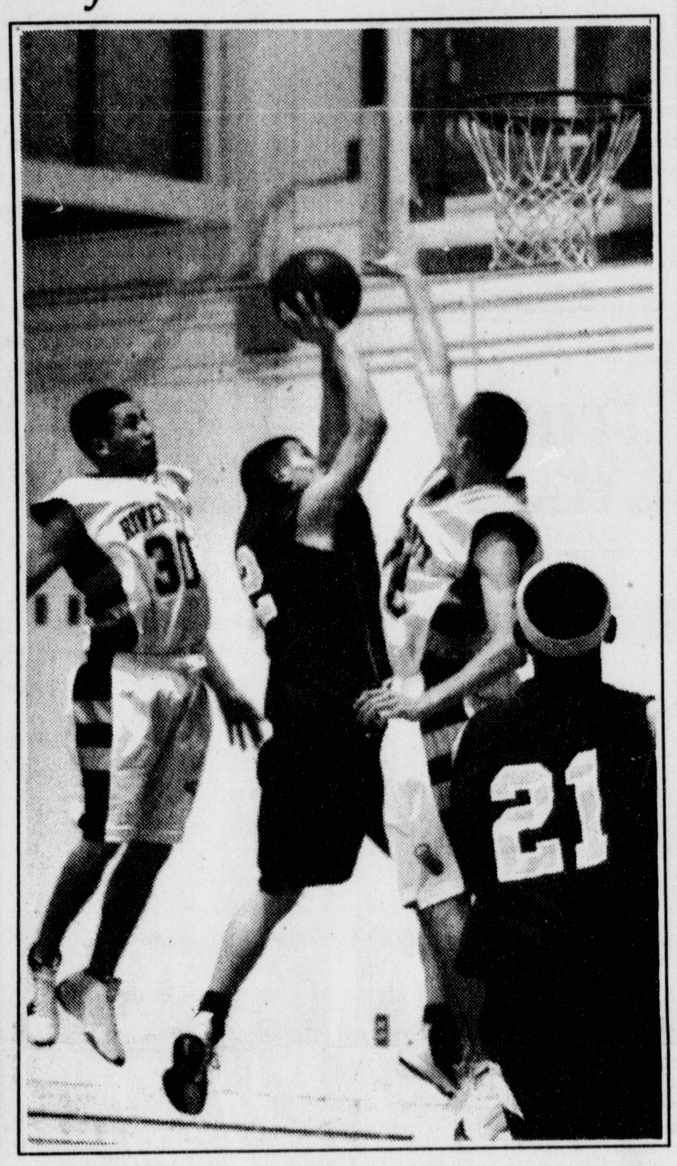
"If it were to catastrophically fail – if it were to just fall away – then we would have about six to eight hours to get you out of town," answered Summers.

Others asked where West Sacramentans should evacuate to, and by what path.

"The only way to get out of the city (if it is flooding) is to go east or west," said Summers. "South, you're going to have a problem, and north, you're going to have problems (due to the waterways present in those directions). Where should we evacuate to? The answer to that is that unless we get into the situation, we don't know what shelters the Red Cross is going to open. More than likely, they will open the fairgrounds in Woodland."

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River City High School varsity basketball player Yevgeniy Dyachanko blocks a Vanden player's shot in action last week. For a summary of boys and girls basketball results at RCHS, see page three.

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Teacher asks district for apology

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Scott Seffens came to the school board for an apology on Thursday.

Answering that the district couldn't comment because Seffens's complaint was being litigated, board president Kevin Jones didn't provide one. But he did give Seffens more than the standard three minutes' time allotted to members of the public to address the board at Thursday's meeting.



RCHS teacher Scott Seffens says he will leave the district

Seffens is the River City High School teacher who was brought up on discipline charges after an audit showed over $10,000 unaccounted for from the school's athletic fund, at a time when Seffens served as athletic director. And although district officials haven't said so in public, the Seffens case appears intimately connected to their case against Mort Geivett, whom they removed as the school's principal this summer, and who may have been held indirectly responsible for any accounting problems in the student athletic fund. Both men have filed claims against Washington Unified School District, and the school board denied those claims in a closed-door session last week.

Frequently, claims such as these, when denied, go on to become lawsuits.

Seffens told the school board Thursday that his troubles started while he was coaching baseball in the summer:

"One of the secretaries came down and gave me a letter from a student saying I was caught embezzling money," he said. "The first thing was that I was shocked, because of all the money I spend at the school. That letter was given to all the teachers, put in their mailboxes, and it was handed to students leaving the school. It said 'call the newspapers.' Nobody did anything. Two days later, I had charges against me."

Seffens looked at school board member Mary Leland from the podium. She remained stoic while he addressed her:

"Mrs. Leland, I was here three months ago when one of the people from the public told

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Search for new WUSD boss

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

After listening to concerns from the public and presentations from three consultants, the Washington Unified School District's school board on Thursday picked one of the consultants to help perform an "executive search" for a new superintendent.

The board opted to go with the California School Boards Association, partly due to a comfort level some board members had with the organization after rubbing shoulders with CSBA representatives at school-related conferences.

The CSBA's representative, Bill Richardson, told the board:

"You don't just get me, but you get what I consider a well-oiled machine."

He added, "We have no preconceived notion of who should be the next superintendent of Washington Unified School District. In other words, we have no 'stockpile' of candidates."

Board member Mary Leland said she leaned towards one of the smaller firms in front of the board that night, but accepted the board's consensus with CSBA:

"We just need to guard against a cookie-cutter way of doing business," said Leland. "I just feel you might get a little more attention (with a smaller search firm)."

Board president Kevin Jones suggested that the board choose CSBA, but interview different reps to "see which one clicks the best." The suggestion was adopted by his colleagues Barry Kalar, Mary Leland and Dave Farmer (Dave Westin was absent).

Kalar, a retired police chief, referenced problems the district had experience in the past when it hired people who turned out to have undiscovered baggage.

"I would be happy to provide information on how to do background checks, having down several hundred of them in my career," said Kalar.

The search is expected to be finished in several months.

Local control of port begins

As part of the transfer of power over the Port of Sacramento to the City of West Sacramento, two more West Sacramento city council members will join the port's governing board for this afternoon's meeting. This will bring the number of West Sacramento representatives on the seven-member board to four.

Council members Wes Beers and Oscar Villegas will join the board, taking seats alongside West Sacramento mayor Christopher Cabaldon and Councilwoman Carolyn Castillo Pierson.

Yolo County Supervisor Mike McGowan (a West Sacramento resident) will hold the fifth seat, and the city and county of Sacramento will each have one appointment to the board during the transition period.

The port commission meets at 4 p.m. at the West Sacramento Civic Center today. Agenda items include an agreement with the Port of Oakland to manage the West Sacramento port.

Vice mayor: one year or two?

West Sacramento's city council tonight will consider whether to make the term of the "mayor pro tem" (vice mayor) coincide with the term of the city's mayor.

West Sacramento voters approved a ballot measure making the mayor's seat a position separately elected from the rest of the five-person city council, and gave the mayor a two-year term. Mayor Christopher Cabaldon's seat will be up for election this November.

Meanwhile, the position of "mayor pro tem" remains on the original, one-year cycle set up when the city incorporated in 1987. The "mayor pro tem" is selected by the council itself, which chooses the vice mayor from among the council members. Originally, this is also how the mayor of West Sacramento was chosen.

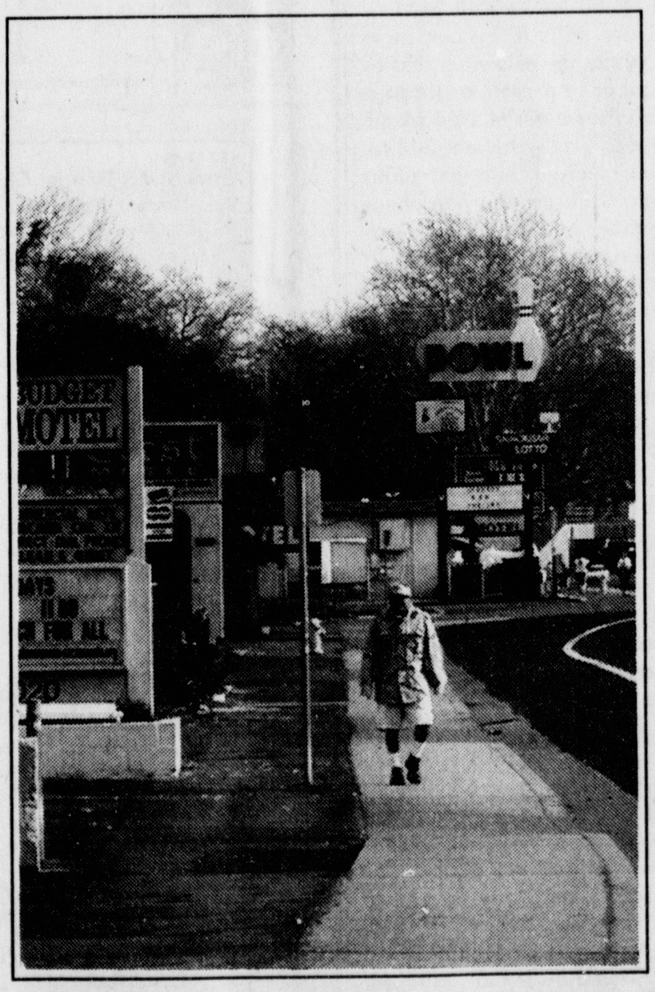
Carolyn Castillo Pierson is the current mayor pro tem, and her term is set to expire.

Councilman Bill Kristoff said he hasn't decided which option he likes better -- choosing future vice mayors for a two-year term like the mayor's, or keeping the present system of annual rotation.

"The term of the mayor is a two-year term," said Kristoff. "It makes sense you would have the mayor pro tem as a two-year term. At the same time, putting different people in a leadership role is healthy and good. If you rotate the position, there's merit in that. I think it's been real good for Caroyn to be mayor pro tem, and for Oscar to do it."

Kristoff is himself a former mayor and mayor pro tem in the city.

Face-lift for West Capitol



A new master-planning process for the streetscape of West Capitol Avenue has begun.

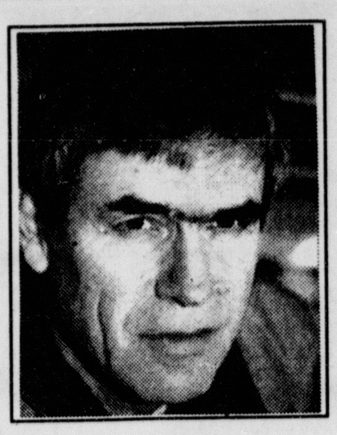
The MIG firm, a consultant hired by the city, will start working on a new design for the streetfront reaching from the railroad overpass near Fifth Street to Harbor Boulevard. The master-plan will help guide phased improvements on this two-mile stretch, including wider sidewalks, new trees and landscaping, and facilities for bicycles and pedestrians. The plans are also intended to leave room for future underground utilities.

A public workshop on the streetscape master plan will be held Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the city hall galleria, 1110 West Capitol Avenue. Property owners and residents may offer comments on what the future street should look like.

The master plan is scheduled to be finished in July.

The dance chaperon

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

Note: My daughter, who is all grown up with her own family now, will be celebrating another birthday this coming Sunday, and I am reminded of the following column, which is one of my very favorites from the past.

Without giving it a whole lot of thought, I volunteered to help chaperon one of the teenage dances held every few months or so at West Sacramento's River City High School, my old alma mater. I don't know why, but I was sure my daughter, who is a senior there this year, would be thrilled to hear that her busy father was finally taking an interest in some of her school activities. I even decided to surprise her with the good news at the very last moment, as she was applying the finishing touches to her makeup.

"You're going to do what?" screamed my daughter, her facial expression full of terror.

"I'm going to help chaperon tonight's dance," I proudly announced again.

"Dad, you can't do that!" she exclaimed, bending down to pick up the tube of lipstick she had just dropped. "Please tell me you're kidding. You're just trying to be funny, right?"

"What's the problem?" I asked naively.

"The problem is you're my father! I can't go to the dance if you're going to be there. Please, if you did volunteer, you've got to go call them up and tell them you've changed your mind, okay?"

"But I can't do that. The dance is going to start in less than two hours and they're counting on me to help out."

"Well, if you're going to the dance, I'm sure not!"

"But why?" I asked. She slowly shook her head from side to side and sighed deeply, obviously displeased with the fact that her father just didn't have a clue. "Look, honey," I assured her, "I tell you what, I'll sit somewhere where no one can see me. You won't even know I'm there."

"Dad," she pleaded, "please, please don't do this to me. I'm already so nervous about going to this dance that I'm probably going to throw up before my date gets here as it is."

"But it'll be fun," I said, trying to cheer her up. "Hey, maybe we could even have a dance together?"

"Mother!" screamed my daughter as she grabbed the skirt of her fancy new dress and raced off barefooted in search of someone who just might be able to explain the facts of teenage life to me.

The last time I had attended a dance at River City High School it was the spring of 1965 (it was called James Marshall High School back then) and judging from my daughter's reaction, the world was apparently a much simpler place. Anyway, not wanting to embarrass her any more than necessary, I broke out my A-outfit, shined my best shoes, and got to the high school in plenty of time to find a little out-of-the-way place to sit where I would be as inconspicuous as humanly possible.

Upon arriving, my first surprise was that the dance was being held in the school cafeteria instead of the gymnasium. Slightly disappointed, I asked myself how in the world they could possibly hope to have a really good high school dance without sawdust to slide around on, or the distinctive sweat-like smells of a gym to inhale.

I found myself an uncomfortable folding chair and plopped down in the shadows next to one of the huge speakers a hyper young disc jockey had just finished setting up for the music he was about to play.

As energetic, colorfully dressed teenagers began to crowd into the dimly lit cafeteria, I leaned further back into my hiding place and told myself that maybe this wasn't going to be so bad after all.

And then it started. One loud, verbally incomprehensible rap song after another. All with the same hard driving beat, and all played at the same painful decibel level.

I tried to turn my attention to the dancers, but there were none. Five rap songs agonizingly passed, then another ten or so more, and still no one was doing anything except standing around in small groups trying in vain to hear each other talk.

I looked around for another hiding place not so close to a speaker, but there were none. It was either stay where I was and hope that the ear damage wouldn't be permanent, or step out of the shadows, where my daughter would surely spot me and die of embarrassment.

A good hour into the dance-not, a group of courageous boys with strange-looking hair and baggy pants finally ventured out onto the floor and began performing little routines for each other. Very interesting, I thought to myself, but the evening was almost half over and I had yet to see one boy hold one girl in his arms.

So I closed my eyes and let myself drift all the way back to some of the high school dances of my youth. Every fast dance was followed by a slow one, and as my mind's ear happily recalled some of the great melodies and lyrics of that long ago time, I could almost see me and some of my old friends shuffling around out on the slippery dance floor, doing our best renditions of the West Sac two-step.

And what wonderful couples they were; John and Cheryl, Billy and Karen, Jim and Alice, Guyburt and Jan, Charlie and Donna, all dancing cheek-to-cheek, holding each other as tightly as they could, gently swaying back and forth, whispering and laughing.

I believe "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" by the Platters was playing softly in my far away ear when I suddenly felt a gentle tap on the shoulder.

"Okay, okay," said my daughter, dressed so pretty and smelling as good as the girl I was dancing with in my mind, "you wanna dance or not?"

"It's been a long, long time," I admitted. "And what will your date and all your friends think?"

"Come on," she said as she grabbed my hand and smiled the same exact smile which had first captured my heart when she was only a few months old, "I'll chance it."

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The rest of the story...

'Ron" asked during the last storm we had here in Sacramento:

"I sustained a great deal of water damage via my roof, and have suffered in excess of $17,000 worth of damage to my home. Should I call my homeowners insurance company?"

My response to this would have been entirely different had this problem came up ten years or so ago, but in today's world of insurance, this is a very "REAL" and concerning question. I am not an insurance agent, so I called my good friend Scott Piney at Piney Insurance Company and posed Ron's question.

Scott's answer was an emphatic "yes, well probably, maybe,..... yes, this is a big ticket item and this is what you have insurance for, so yes he should call his insurance company!" He did however suggest to me some disclaimers such as, "Has Ron ever had a claim before? .

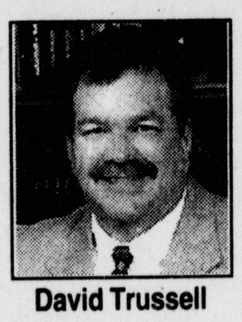
"No," I said. Well that then changes a few things, could be for his favor or not

Scott mentioned one thing that we seem to forget, and that is that homeowner's insurance insures the home and not the client. After he said that, what he said next made much more sense: Ron needs to fix the problem, and if he chooses to use his insurance, that is great, but should he decide to sell the property shortly after he fixes the problem then the new buyers MAY have difficulty getting premium insurance quotes.

Insurance companies don't want to insure on a homes previous damages (within 5 years or earlier) because the likelihood of additional claims then rise. You can call Scott Piney for more information on this (916) 786-5454, but what I did get from my discussion is that if you are buying a home it is vital that you ask if there has been any insurance claims on the property, because this could limit your ability to get insurance.

Your Realtor should provide you with the appropriate disclosures, but it is always good to ask more questions.

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Obituaries

James "Jim" Oxford

Jim Oxford passed away at the age of 77 in Sacramento on January 11, 2006. He was the beloved husband of 56 years to Irene Oxford; the loving father of William Bragg; the devoted grandfather of Randy, Terri, Kevin and Cameron; the great grandfather of Brittany, Tommy, Mitchell and Jamie; and the loving brother of Hilda (husband, Darwin) Isaac, and Mary (husband, Ron) Best. He was preceded in death by his sons, Ted and Michael, and his parents, Eules and Mildred Oxford.

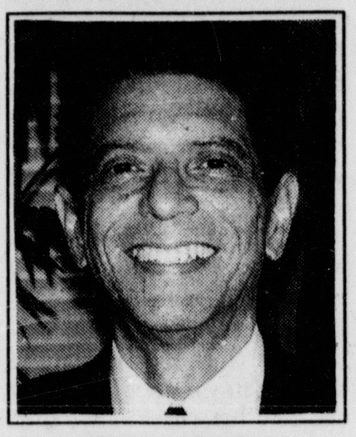
Jim was a native of Russellville, Arkansas, and a 46-year resident of West Sacramento. He retired from the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1986 after 37 years of service, ten of which were spent in Dunsmuir, California. He was an accomplished folk dance teacher and square dance caller for his own club, The Ka-

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SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa



RICH NOVOA

The 2006 NFL playoffs were just as exciting and entertaining as predicted by the media but the officiating was just horrible last weekend. The referees made some strange calls that affected the outcomes of couple of games but what were the referees thinking in Indianapolis. The crew reversed a Troy Polamalu interception late in the game that allowed Payton Manning and the Colts a second chance at life.

Manning, who quickly took advantage of the Governor's reprieve, score a quick touchdown in three plays only to watch in horror as their kicker, Mike Vanderjagt, miss a 46-yard field goal as time ran out. Now, I'm not crying because my Dawg picked the Colts but I believe that was the worst call I've ever seen in any playoff football game. But don't worry there's still two week left in the NFL season to beat that call.

Is it me or are the TV announcers putting a jinx on some the teams and players during critical times in the game? Stuff like, this player hasn't fumbled in ten years, the kicker hasn't missed a field goal all season, the quarterback hasn't thrown an interception in his life, etc. Next play, bang! Fumble, interception, missed kick and streaks end. I'm sorry; it must be me I take to much medication!

Anyway, the Pittsburgh Steelers really took it to the stale Colts but most of the credit goes to the Steelers coaching staff who did an outstanding job of preparing the Steel Curtain defense against Peyton Manning and their offense. Now, the road to Super Bowl XL is going through the mile high city of Denver and the gloomy and rainy city of Seattle.

In other NFL news, the 49ers filled their offensive coordinator vacancy in less than one week by hiring ex-Raiders head coach, Norv Turner. Turner history as an offensive coordinator is much better than his head coaching record. Turner just finished a two-year 9-23 stint with the cross-town rival Oakland Raiders.

Also, the Houston Texans will name Broncos offensive coordinator, Ted Kubiak, their new head coach after the Broncos season ends. Kubiak's first franchise decision will be who to draft with the No. 1 pick. Will it be USC's Heisman Trophy winner, Reggie Bush or the pride of Texas, the Longhorns Vince Young!

NFL Conference Championships

In the other AFC contest the Denver Broncos ended the Patriots quest for their third Super Bowl ring and are now the favorite to win the Super Bowl in Detroit. The NFC games were just as fun with the Seahawks hanging on to win against the Skins and Da Panthers outscored Da Bears to move a step closer to another Super Bowl appearance.

The Conference title games are set for Sunday, January 22 with the AFC game kicking off with Pittsburgh (+3 ½) traveling to Denver (noon-ch.13) and Carolina (+4 ½) flying up north to Seattle for a Super Bowl date (3:30 p.m.-FOX) with the Seahawks.

Aztec's Picks

Aztec was a big winner again last weekend by clawing his way to 3 wins and 1 loss and now enters the Conferences Finals with 51 wins and 32 losses and 2 ties. The Dawg is on fire and his hair has been standing up all week for Sunday's games.

this week Aztec was seen sprinting after the big yellow bus again. What's that mean? It means that the Dawg is going with Jerome, Big Ben Roethlisberger and the (+3 ½) points in Denver. This game will be a dogfight and remember the Steelers ended Denver Super Bowl hopes last season.

The Panther beat the Da Bears but lost their staring running back, Deshaun Foster, for the Conference final against the Seahawks. The Seahawks also lost their star running back MVP, Shaun Alexander, who suffered a concession early in the game. What's the big question mark for both teams? Who's going carry the football and drive the team to Detroit? The Dawg has been barking loud with the answer! Seattle (-3 ½) will finally make it to the promise land.

Aztec's Super Bowl Forty prediction will pit Mike Holmgren's Seahawks (-3 ½) and the smiling face of Bill Cower and his terrible towel Steelers!

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Anger dwells only in the bosom of fools.
—Albert Einstein

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1. Major-leaguers Kevin Brown, Nomar Garciaparra, Mark Teixeira and Jason Varitek all played for Georgia Tech. Which one had his number retired by the school?
2. How many times have the New York Yankees won 100-plus games during a regular season, only to fail to reach the World Series?
3. Name the last season that the Indiana Hoosiers football team went to a bowl game.
4. Who has won the most NBA All-Star Game Most Valuable Player awards?
5. Did legendary superstar Wayne Gretzky tally a goal in his first NHL game?
6. Who was the first NASCAR driver to finish in the top five in points in both the Cup and Busch series in the same year?
7. Entering 2006, how many Grand Slam tennis singles titles had Venus Williams won?

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RAIDER ROUNDUP

By Troy Turner

Varsity Boys Basketball

Last week, the River City High School Raiders varsity basketball team played the Vanden Vikings The game was very competitive. At halftime, the Raiders led 33-25. During the second half, the Vikings came back to within three points with only a minute left. But RCHS held on for a 58-53 win.

They then faced the Dixon Rams, winning 64-55. The Raiders are currently in second place in the Capital Valley Conference midway through the season. This week, they play Center High.

JV Boys Basketball

The JV boys team also played Vanden, cruising easily to a 61-49 victory. The Raiders led at half-time and never looked back. They face Center this week.

Freshman Basketball

The freshman squad also defeated Vanden, completing the Raider sweep. The team will pay Center this week.

Girls Varsity Basketball

The Lady Raiders split the two games they played last week. They first played the Vanden Vikings, coming home with a loss. They then played the Dixon Rams, holding on for a win. The Raiders led 32-19 at the half. Dixon made a run in the second half, but could not catch the Raiders.

Final score: RCHS 49, Dixon 46.

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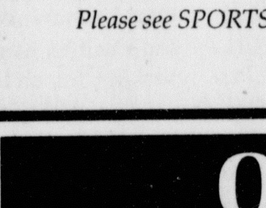
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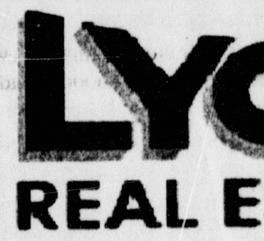
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LETTERS from page seven

bial 14-year old daughter I mentioned can not only still get that abortion without your permission through her school, they'll gladly provide her with the condoms she depended on in the first place. But she'd better not smoke.
J. BESHARIAN
West Sacramento

Return Geivett to RCHS

After a much needed Christmas break, it would seem to be back to business as usual in our town. To start last week off, I attended the Emergency Preparedness Workshop put on by the city. The biggest message that came from that hour was every man for himself if our levees break or we flood. Our city has no evacuation plan! When asked where we should go in case of an emergency, we were told to head east or west and "they'd cross that bridge when we get to it". How comforting!

To end the week, I attended the WUSD school board meeting. While there does appear to be new light in the district, with Mr. Jones respectfully conducting the meeting as president of the board, and with the new interim superintendent, Mr. Tooker, now on the job, there still continues to be a very long tunnel of darkness we must go through to truly put this district on the right path.

Mr. Seffens, the former athletic director of RCHS, who many of us have shown support for many months now, gave a very compelling and heartfelt statement. It was heartbreaking to hear how his childhood dream has been shattered by slanderous, vicious attacks that have been allowed to go on for months. It was also appalling to see two board members (only four were in attendance) passing notes back and forth as well as one who must not realize that rolling one's eyes was very disrespectful of Mr. Seffens.

I must give Mr. Jones credit for doing the honorable thing by letting Mr. Seffens speak, after months of not being able to, without a timer. Had any of the board members listened, they would have heard the other side of the story and they could have connected the dots as to which district administrator has lied to them, and when the district's legal counsel led them into violations of the law.

As I stated to the board that night, unfortunately I believe the wall of arrogance and pride that sits between them and concerned community members has prevented them from hearing anything other that what they want to hear. That was confirmed by Mrs. Leland's closing statement defending Sherianne Cotterell, the district's associate superintendent of human resources. I also wonder how the other board members felt as she implicated all of them in violations of the Brown Act? She did that by saying "staff did nothing without our (the board's) direction". Bingo! For what? Personal agendas and vendetta's?

Board members must walk a fine line of ethics. They must keep a professional position with staff as to not compromise their position on the board. They must always put the best interests of the children in this district first. By her own actions and public comments, Mrs. Leland is putting an out of control administrator's interests before the children in WUSD.

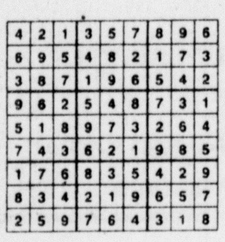
The bottom line is Mr. Seffens was fully exonerated! Mr. Geivett should be returned to RCHS immediately! The board and administrators involved need to admit they made a mistake and formally apologize to these two fine men along with their families, correct their violations of the law, and work hand in hand with this community to make this an incredible place for our children to get their education.
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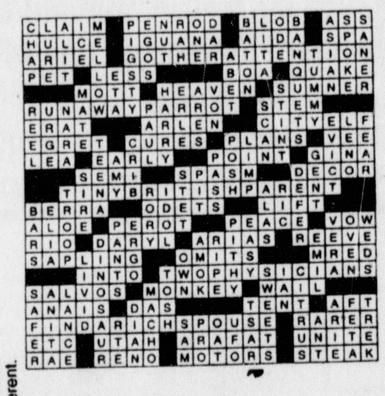
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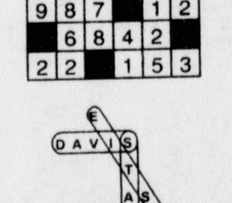
ANSWERS to Sports Quiz (P. 3) & Puzzles (P. 8)



Rational Numbers
answers







Differences: 1. Cabinet is moved. 2. Neckline differs. 3. Handle is missing. 4. Gloves are different. 5. Apron is different. 6. Pants are different.

Answers

1. Varitek (No. 33).
2. Four times — 1954, 1980, 2002 and 2004.
3. It was 1993.
4. Bob Petit of St. Louis (1956, 1958, co-MVP in 1959, and 1962).
5. No, but he did have an assist in Edmonton's loss to Chicago.
6. Carl Edwards in 2005 (third in Nextel Cup, third in Busch Series).
7. Five — three Wimbledons (2000, '01, '05) and two U.S. Opens (2000, '01).

'ACROSS THE BRIDGE':

Events around the region

Sacto Metropolitan Orchestra performs

The Sacramento Metropolitan Orchestra, Carter Nice, Musical Director, will present a recital by world-renowned violinist Alyssa Park at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church in Fair Oaks on January 21st at 8 p.m.; and at Adventure Christian Church in Roseville on January 22nd, at 4:30 p.m. For ticket information call 722-3399.

Crab feed

A fourth annual crab feed fundraiser will be held on February 11th in Smith Hall at La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Road in Carmichael from 6-11 p.m. The event is hosted by the Sacramento Cygnets, a regional junior Olympic girls 16u fast pitch softball team. Tickets are $30. For more information call Michelle at 372-0517.

OWL meeting

The Older Women's League will meet on January 21st at 11:30 a.m. at the Hart Senior Center, 915 27th Street in Sacramento. Former Sacramento assemblyman Darrell Steinberg will lead a panel discussion on "Mental Health and Mental Illness". A business meeting will precede the panel discussion at 10 a.m. Visitors are welcome. For more information call 424-5316.

New play

"Becoming Julia Morgan", a play by Belinda Taylor starring Janis Stevens, about the life of California's first woman architect and the designer of Hearst Castle, will run through February 5th at the California Stage, 1725 25th Street. General admission is $19. For times and reservations call 451-5811

Events at the Crocker

Sacramento's Crocker Art Museum will be featuring the following events (among numerous others) in February:

Tours of Early California Art on February 4,5,11,12,18,19, 25,26 beginning at noon; live model sketching facilitated by a trained artist on February 9 at 6 p.m.; and Third Thursday Jazz on February 16, performed by Michael Kollwitz and the Chapman Stick. Non-member fees are $10.

In addition, the Crocker has lots of children and family events scheduled in February and for more information on those you can call 264-5423.

The Crocker is located at 216 O Street in downtown Sacramento.

New at the library

By Elise McCallan
Arthur F. Turner Branch Library
1212 Merkley Ave.
West Sacramento

The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

"For Laci: A Mother's Story of Love, Loss, and Justice" by Sharon Rocha.

"In Praise of Slowness: Challenging the Cult of Speed" by Carl Honore.

"Fab: The Coming Revolution on Your Desktop - From Personal Computers to Personal Fabrication" by Neil Gershenfeld.

"Into the Wardrobe: C.S. Lewis and the Narnia Chronicles" by David C. Downing.

"Hunger: An Unnatural History" by Sharman Apt Russell.

The library will be closed on Monday January 16 in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. Call 375-6465 for information and library hours.

OBITUARIES from page two

leidoscopes, and also the Family Circle. He was a member of Pair and Spares, sharing teaching responsibilities with other instructors, and served as president of the Sacramento International Folk Dance and Arts Council.

Funeral services were held on January 17, 2006 in the River Cities Funeral Chapel of West Sacramento. Inurnment was private. Memorials are preferred to the Folk Dance Federation of California.

Josephine (Haro) Fernandez

Josephine Fernandez passed away peacefully surrounded by family and close friends at the age of 56 on January 8, 2006. She is survived by her loving husband, Edward Fernandez; her sisters, Theresa Coria and Rosalie Alcantar; her brothers, Edward (wife, Dorothy) and David Haro (wife, Socorro); and numerous nephews, nieces and grand nephews.

Josephine was raised in Clarksburg and West Sacramento. When she married she moved to Sacramento but always remembered her roots and enjoyed coming back home. Family and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial to be offered on January 20, 2006 at 10 a.m. at All Hallows Catholic Church, 5500 14th Avenue in Sacramento. Visitation will be on January 19, 2006 from 6-7 p.m. at Nicoletti, Culjis, and Herberger Funeral Home, 5401 Folsom Boulevard.

SPORTS from page three

Kings Korner

The Kings (15-21) just can't seem to put together any kind of winning streak to get them out of the Pacific Division cellar. Just when they seem to resemble the Kings of old, they come out and play like zombies. The Kings are now 9-11 at home where it was a given that they never lose in the friendly confines of the Arco Arena.

The Kings starting line up is hurting with Bonzi and Shareef still on the mend and the fragile Peja listed as day-to-day. Mike Bobby's career high 42 points on Sunday against the Magic carried the team to victory but Kings are going to need the bench to jump into the scoring column.

The situation is not getting any better this week with the first place Phoenix Suns (24-12) invading the Arco on Tuesday night and the much improved Lakers (21-17) coming to town on Thursday night (7:30 p.m.-CSN). After their brief home stand the Kings will head to Florida to play Orlando (4 p.m.-ch.10) on Saturday and then on to hack Shaq and the Miami Heat (3 p.m.-CSN).

Enjoy your day – see ya next week!

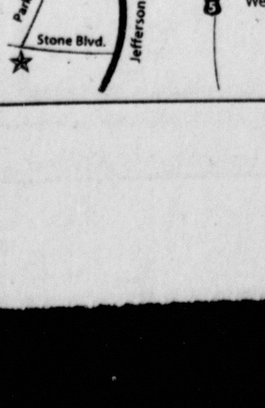
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- "I hang a car air freshener from the plumbing in the back of my toilet. You can't see it, but it keeps the bathroom smelling fresh and nice, just like the car." — I.D. in California
- "To reinforce math skills, I let my son take 10 percent of my small change fund when we cash it in. The catch is, he has to sort it, count it and figure out how much 10 percent is." — C.C. in Massachusetts
- "Add a bit of lemon-lime-flavored soda to the vase water (about 1/4 of the total liquid) to extend the life of fresh flowers." — G.L. in Virginia

PUBLIC NOTICE 24tfn

Meeting of the Riverpoint Marketplace Public Art Selection Committee

DATE: January 27, 2006
TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
LOCATION: the Council Chambers of the West Sacramento Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave.

The West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency is managing a process to develop a public art project at the Riverpoint Marketplace. Riverpoint Marketplace is the site of the IKEA that is currently under construction. As part of this process, the selection committee will meet to review artist submittals and select five artist finalists for the Riverpoint Marketplace Public Art project. Each of the five finalists will be asked to prepare a conceptual design representing their ideas for public art at Riverpoint. The Arts, Culture & Historic Preservation Commission and the City Council will review the designs submitted and select the winning artist in the summer of 2006. All members of the pulbic are invited to attend the January 27, 2006 committee meeting to select the five finalists.

Police log

Jan. 13, 5:50 a.m.

A woman left her car running on Jasmine Avenue while she went inside her home to get a sweater. When she returned, the 2004 Toyota Colara was gone.

Jan. 13, 11:23 a.m.

A Cherry Place resident said someone had created a check with her account information, and succeeded in getting money from her account. The suspect's name and information were apparently on the check, though.

Jan. 13, 1:13 p.m.

A Meadow Road resident reported that his wallet had been stolen, and cards in it had been used in West Sacramento.

Jan. 13, 3 p.m.

A five-year old Hill Court resident was left at school for five hours after school let out, without being picked up by parents. The child was turned over to a babysitter, who was unable to reach the parents either. The county's child protective services agency was called in.

Jan. 13, 7:26 p.m.

A pickup truck (that had a ladder with a company name on it) was reported to have been sitting on James Street for three days. Police determined it had been reported stolen from Sacramento.

Jan. 13, 11:12 p.m.

A Pine Street apartment complex was the scene of a reported fight. Police found a 20-year old man who had been hit in the eye with a glass – the "globe" of the eye was ruptured, and the man was feared to be in danger of losing the eye. The suspect was gone.

Jan. 14, 5:40 p.m.

Officers saw a 37-year old woman walking down a street at West Capitol and Sutter, trying to start fights with passers-by. She was arrested for public drunkenness.

Jan. 15, 3:18 a.m.

Police attempted to locate a Pennsylvania Court couple, who were listed as registered owners of a Chevrolet SUV found "torched" in Ceres.

Jan. 15, 7:48 a.m.

A 1993 GMC Yukon was reported stolen from a driveway on Elizabeth Street. The keys had been left inside the locked vehicle.

Jan. 15, 8:59 a.m.

A woman at a West Capitol Ave. motel said her husband had left in a car the night before to go to the store, and had not returned. She said this kind of disappearance was very out of character for him, and that the man was unhappy about their financial circumstances but not suicidal.

Jan. 15, 10:06 a.m.

On the 1500-block of Linden Road, a car sideswiped a parked car. The driver was reportedly cooperative and waited for police.

Jan. 15, 10:58 a.m.

In the south area, a man told police that he and his wife had problems with her mother in Canada, who was telling her local authorities that the man was abusing his wife. She also intended to visit and stay with the West Sacramento couple despite not being welcome. He said that in order to get Canadian authorities to advise the mother-in-law to stop harassing them, he needed to file a local report.

Jan. 15, 12:40 p.m.

A man on the 1500-block of Pennsylvania Ave. told police someone stole the "quad" he stored in a neighbor's garage.

Jan. 15, 1:47 p.m.

A Savannah Lane apartment resident reported a male/female argument upstairs. The female had thrown some items from the top of the stairs, striking a vehicle. The arguing parties agreed to separate and no one wanted to file a complaint.

Jan. 15, 7:11 p.m.

A Madrone Ave. resident reported that three males broke in and assaulted a 23-year old daughter at the home, who left on foot. The suspects then reportedly took the daughter's vehicle to pursue her, threatening to kill her.

Busy days for port, city & school district

The Sacramento-Yolo Port Commission will meet tonight at 4 p.m. at the civic center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, for a special meeting.

Agenda items include swearing in of new members and recognition of outgoing commissioners and the interim chief C.E.O. (Andy Belknap), a change to the property exchange agreement involving the city redevelopment agency, authorization for the port C.E.O. (a position held by the West Sacramento city manager) to perform the duties of port director, a financial status report and a memorandum of understanding with the Port of Oakland for management operations of the port.

The **West Sacramento City Council** will meet tonight at the civic center, with public session beginning at 7 p.m.

Among the agenda items:

Agreement with architects to perform services for the city's corporation yard, application for "BEGIN" funds of $300,000 for West Capitol Avenue mixed use project, application for federal funds for anti-gang program for kids in grades 4-8, consideration of property exchange agreement involving "Southern River Bluff" property and the Port of Sacrametno, new city impact fee schedules, amendment to the city's redevelopment plan and selection and term length of the city's mayor pro tem.

The West **Sacramento Planning Commission** will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. at the civic center. Agenda items will include the Marshall Crossing subdivision, and a map for Tempo subdivision on Higgins Road.

The **Washington Unified School District school board** will meet for a transportation plan workshop and training on the Brown Act (state open meeting laws) on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 6 p.m., at the River City High School Library.

Regarding the proposed **annexation of West Sacramento and Yolo County into the SMUD electrical service area**, away from PG&E service:

The Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission will host a meeting on the proposal at Jan. 23 at 9 a.m. at the Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 625 Court Street, Room 204 in Woodland.

Among other hearings on the matter to be held is a meeting on Thursday, Jan. 26, at 5:30 p.m. in West Sacramento's civic center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

top 10 movies

1. **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe** .....(PG)
Tilda Swinton, James McAvoy
2. **King Kong** .....(PG-13)
Naomi Watts, Jack Black
3. **Fun With Dick and Jane** (PG-13)
Jim Carrey, Tea Leoni
4. **Cheaper By the Dozen 2** ..(PG)
Steve Martin, Bonnie Hunt
5. **Rumor Has It** .....(PG-13)
Jennifer Aniston, Kevin Costner
6. **The Family Stone** .....(PG-13)
Dermot Mulroney, Diane Keaton
7. **Memoirs of a Geisha** ....(PG-13)
Ziyi Zhang, Ken Watanabe
8. **The Ringer** .....(PG-13)
Johnny Knoxville, Katherine Heigl
9. **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** .....(PG-13)
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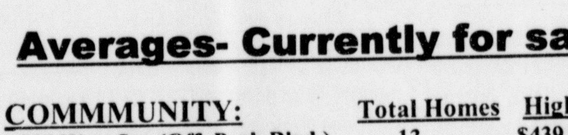
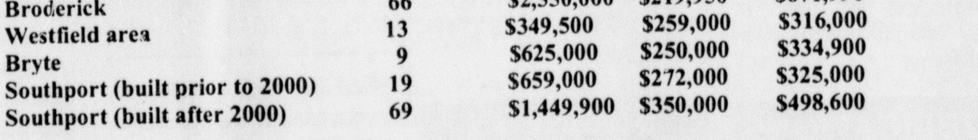

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The recently-established Project Area Committee (PAC) for the West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency will continue to meet in order to review, discuss and make recommendations on the potential amendments to the Redevelopment Plan. The Agency is currently considering amending the plan to increase the tax increment collection cap, increase Agency bonding capacity, re-instate Agency eminent domain authority, and refine the list of capital improvements. Please note the following scheduled dates for meetings of the PAC. All meetings are planned for 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center at 1110 West Capitol Avenue in the Galleria (1st floor). The meeting schedule and overall schedule is proposed and is subject to modification as necessary.

Monday, Jan. 23, 2006 - Continued review of amendment-related items

Monday, Feb. 13, 2006 - PAC recommendation on the proposed amendment

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OPINION

From the mailbag:

Letters to the Editor

Fire Cotterell

My wife and I have been attending the school board meetings over the past seven months. While I feel the board has made some good decisions the past couple of meetings (e.g. accepting former superintendent Campbell's resignation, the hiring of Interim Superintendent Dave Tooker, and the selection of Kevin Jones as board president), I must express my disappointment with how the board is still handling the situation regarding the former athletic director, Scott Seffens, and the former principal of RCHS, Mort Geivett.

During the 1/12/06 board meeting, Seffens spoke in open session about the charges filed against him and the results of his arbitration hearing. I wasn't surprised to learn that all the charges were unfounded and dropped. I was, however, surprised and disgusted to hear how the associate superintendent, Sherianne Cotterell, the district's legal counsel, and the school board handled the investigations of Seffens and Geivett. Why wouldn't the district talk with both of them? It's my understanding that the district still hasn't heard their sides and that the district might state that Seffens' case was lost on a technicality. Regardless, once again, the arbitrator's findings regarding Seffens' case resulted in all charges being dropped and unfounded! I also heard Seffens ask Cotterell and the board for a public apology. That apology was not given at the meeting. I find it interesting how this district just can't admit they made a mistake -- a terrible mistake that hurt a lot of innocent people.

Seffens stated that according to his calculations, a quarter of a million dollars has been spent on what several of us know has been a witch-hunt against both Seffens and Geivett from the beginning. $250,000! Can you imagine how much good that kind of money could have done for the students of our school district if spent properly? I would hope that Interim Superintendent Tooker and/or Assistant Superintendent Vicky Dali are looking into exactly how much money has indeed been spent on the Seffens and Geivett situations.

This community has gone before the school board meeting after meeting begging the district to do a proper, thorough investigation -- to get all the facts. I have always believed that this board has been misled by what has been told them. I have never understood why the board wouldn't want to speak with Seffens and Geivett. To lose an arbitration in one day should tell this district something. The fact that Seffens didn't even have to present his case should tell the district something. Did the district get all its information from Cotterell and its legal counsel? For that matter, did legal counsel get all its information from Cotterell?

Board member Mary Leland stated in her last and final comment at the 1/12/06 meeting that staff does not do things on their own, that they take direction from the board. Mrs. Leland, thank you for admitting on the record that this school board took action on the Seffens and Geivett matters and gave direction to staff. I am, however, bothered by the fact that meeting after meeting, board president Farmer reported out that no action was taken. He did not report out that staff was given direction, as he has done in several situations; however, he reported out that no action was taken, hence no direction given. So, have there been more Brown Act violations or just outright lies?

Mrs. Leland questioned why this community holds Cotterell accountable. Isn't Cotterell the person who brings personnel- related information to the board? It appears that she is biased. She obviously doesn't like Seffens or Geivett. Did Cotterell bring the full story -- both sides -- so that the board could make sound decisions? If the board members now feel after hearing Seffens on 1/12/06 that possibly they were mislead, or weren't given all the information they needed, they now have the opportunity to do the right thing. The board should hold Cotterell responsible for this terrible mistake and fire her!

Board members, apologize to Seffens and Geivett; stop going after Geivett; and let's start moving this district forward. This is the beginning of a new year. Let's start off doing things right! We have a new high school to build, K-8 to discuss, and a high school graduation just around the corner. If after hearing Seffens' story, and really thinking about the situation that unfolded during the past several months, you feel Cotterell and others didn't mislead you, you all should immediately resign from the school board. You should be ashamed of yourselves for what you have done to Seffens and Geivett, their reputations, and their families. If you decide that you won't step down, then Mrs. Leland, I would at least encourage you to keep your future board comments to "I have none."

BYRON PAIGE
West Sacramento

Cotterell/Leland cabal

Well, so much for starting the new year right. Despite the efforts of new WUSD School Board President Kevin Jones to bring professionalism back into fashion (with an assist from Interim Superintendent Dave Tooker, who by all accounts is a take-charge individual), hope quickly faded after the Cotterell/Leland cabal reared its ugly head once again. Community members watched in amusement the volley of eye contact between the two which then resulted in each of them leaving the meeting room separately only to hook up around the corner by the restroom so that a red folder could be handed off to board member Leland. What type of scheme is cooking now? It must be a devious one if it required a covert operation out of the rest of the board's view.

Board member Leland also gave comments at the end of the meeting about top leadership stepping up to stop the public from berating staff "which is perceived as a huge injustice" for actions taken and went on to say that staff never does anything on their own, and everything that has been done has been at the direction of the board. Let me get my violin out. If there was any doubt who was the recipient of a huge dose of injustice after the much maligned former athletic director Scott Seffens was finally able to address the board, then ignorance truly is bliss.

As for Leland's comments, it's what we parents have known since last July 28th when the law was violated and Mr. Geivett's due process was trampled (also verified by earlier Leland comments). The board's continuous mantra has been "It wasn't us". Mrs. Leland not only admitted culpability by saying she takes full responsibility, she also implicated the entire board.

When certain individuals stop behaving in a sneaky, self-serving manner, then parents can stop babysitting. Until then, it's business as usual. And about that red folder nonsense, anything fishy usually floats to the surface and when it does, we'll be waiting -- with a big net.

LIZ BAGDAZIAN
West Sacramento

Just answer the questions

Apparently judges (to be) are not held to as high a standard as are witnesses, victims and the accused, when they swear to tell "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth -- so help me God."

Too often, as they evade or make their answers much less responsive than it seems they're capable, it sounds like they're withholding key information. In turn, this causes questions to be repeated in different wording, or from someone else, taking more time. Most recently, in senate hearings, we've viewed (now) Chief Justice John Roberts and Associate Justice (to be) Samuel Alito dodging answers to many more questions than they would allow in their own court. They would not tolerate comparisons or less-than-direct answers were they in charge.

If such answers are appropriate in senate confirmation hearings, it seems like the rules should be changed (for better answers), or replace repetitious-like questioning with quick (dis-) approval votes. But when less-than-direct answers are not allowed in the U.S. Supreme Court and witnesses ask why, they should be provided with a 2006 one-page note entitled, "(Chief Justice John) Roberts' Rules of Order."

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

Failures of tolerance

(Response to Tim McKinnon's letter of Jan. 11, disagreeing with this writer over "intelligent design")

You know, it's funny, but I just can't seem to find my right-wing religious nut I.D. card. Maybe I left it where my erstwhile critic could find it, so he could have something on which to hang his hat, if not himself. I'll just say that while my parents met when singing Christmas carols for a church (and dad sang in many choirs thereafter), they always taught me you don't have to be in a building to believe in God. To me, that includes sitting in front of a T.V. watching some charlatan fleece his flock.

I wasn't truly advocating teaching religion in public schools so much as I was, mayhaps inarticulately, trying to point out that we are failing our children on many levels in the arena of public education. All of the whiz bang, but none of the responsibility, as it were. It seems to me that in our headlong rush to make every child feel good about themselves and their tender egos and not experience failure, we've not only defined deviancy down and lowered our expectations of their performance, but redefined free speech for them into politically correct speech, i.e., "You can't be critical of me, but I can be critical of you and shout you down besides!" In an atmosphere of "Be tolerant of everything, except that which is traditional", it's not hard to see how we've made the hand basket we're heading to that proverbial hot place in. Oh, yes. While your prover-

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Dede deGraffenried, Stuart Dubois, Suzanne Gerttula, Ann Jackson, Nikki Mizwinski, Eli Pitts, John Sitts, Linnea Wong, all at 518 Glide Ave., Suite N, West Sacramento CA 95691.

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan 1, 2006.

/s/Valerie Clinton

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan 4, 2006
by: /Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 27, 2005
File No. 2005-1350

The following person is doing business as Sundance Car Wash, 420 Pioneer Avenue, Woodland CA 95776; mailing: 9845 Sierra College Blvd., Roseville CA 95661-5925:

Riccor, LLC, 9845 Sierra College Blvd., Roseville CA 95661-5925.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 14, 2005.

/s/Rick Baldaramos
President
Riccor, LLC

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Date: Dec. 27, 2005
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 4, 2006
File No. 2006-14

The following person is doing business as EcosRios, 518 Glide Ave., Suite N, West Sacramento CA 95691:

John Sitts and Nikki Mizwinski, same address as above.

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/2006.

/s/John Sitts

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NOTICE OF WAREHOUSE LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the property described below will be sold as is at public sale February 2, 2006 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at Space 78, Westwind Estates located at 1399 Sacramento Avenue, West Sacramento, California in order to satisfy the lien claimed by the owner of the above mentioned mobilehome park for storage and other related charges incurred by Eloisa Magana, Yarely Magana, Gil Magana, Priscilla Magana, Santiago Gonzales and Magdalena Magana. The sale will be free and clear of all claims, liens and encumbrances of record except for possible liens of unpaid mobilehome registration fees and unpaid taxes, if any. The Creditor reserves the right to require the removal of the unit from the Westwind Estates within 48 hours after the sale. In the event that this right is not exercised, prospective purchasers who desire to reside in the unit on-site are cautioned to be familiar with California Civil Code Section 798.74 and 798.75. Prospective purchasers must tender a cashier's check for the full amount of the purchase immediately at the conclusion of the sale. Except for the warranty that this sale is authorized by law, absolutely no warranties of sale are made. The park reserves the right to postpone and reschedule the sale without further notice. The general public will have access to the Mobilehome Park premises for purposes related to the sale.

A description of the property to be sold is:

One (1) 1988 Fleetwood HM Inc Sunpointe Single Family Mobilehome; California HCD Decal No.: LAM9518; Serial Nos.: CAFLJ17A09747ST & CAFLJ17B09747ST; HUD Label/Insignia Nos.: RAD468050 & RAD468051; Length 60'; Width: 28'.

NOTE: The creditor claiming this lien will make a minimum opening credit bid of at least $4,322.53.

DATED: Jan. 6, 2006
/s/Michael W. Mihelich
Attorney for Westwind Estates

Jan 11 18

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 20, 2005
File No. 2005-1329

The following person is doing business as Corcoran Lane Pastures, 34255 Corcoran Hill Lane, Davis CA 95616:

Carolyn Penny and Greg Miller, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 20, 2005.

/s/Carolyn Penny
/s/Greg Miller.

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Date: Dec. 20, 2005
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 13, 2005
File No. 2005-1305

The following person is doing business as Port Engraving Co., Inc., 1521 Sacramento Ave., West Sacramento CA 95605:

Francene Belli, same address.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2001.

/s/Francene Belli, Owner.

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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec. 13, 2005
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Food Ideas

(NAPS)—It's time for a jubilee because February is National Cherry Month. The ruby-red color of cherries is perfect for patriotic celebrations on Presidents' Day, romantic offerings on Valentine's Day or any special occasion during the month. For recipes, including one for Chocolate Angel Cake, and other information about tart cherries, visit www.usacherries.com.

Almonds are packed with vitamin E, magnesium, fiber, protein, calcium and other vitamins and minerals. For more information and great almond recipes, visit www.AlmondsAreIn.com.

PUZZLES & COMICS

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps





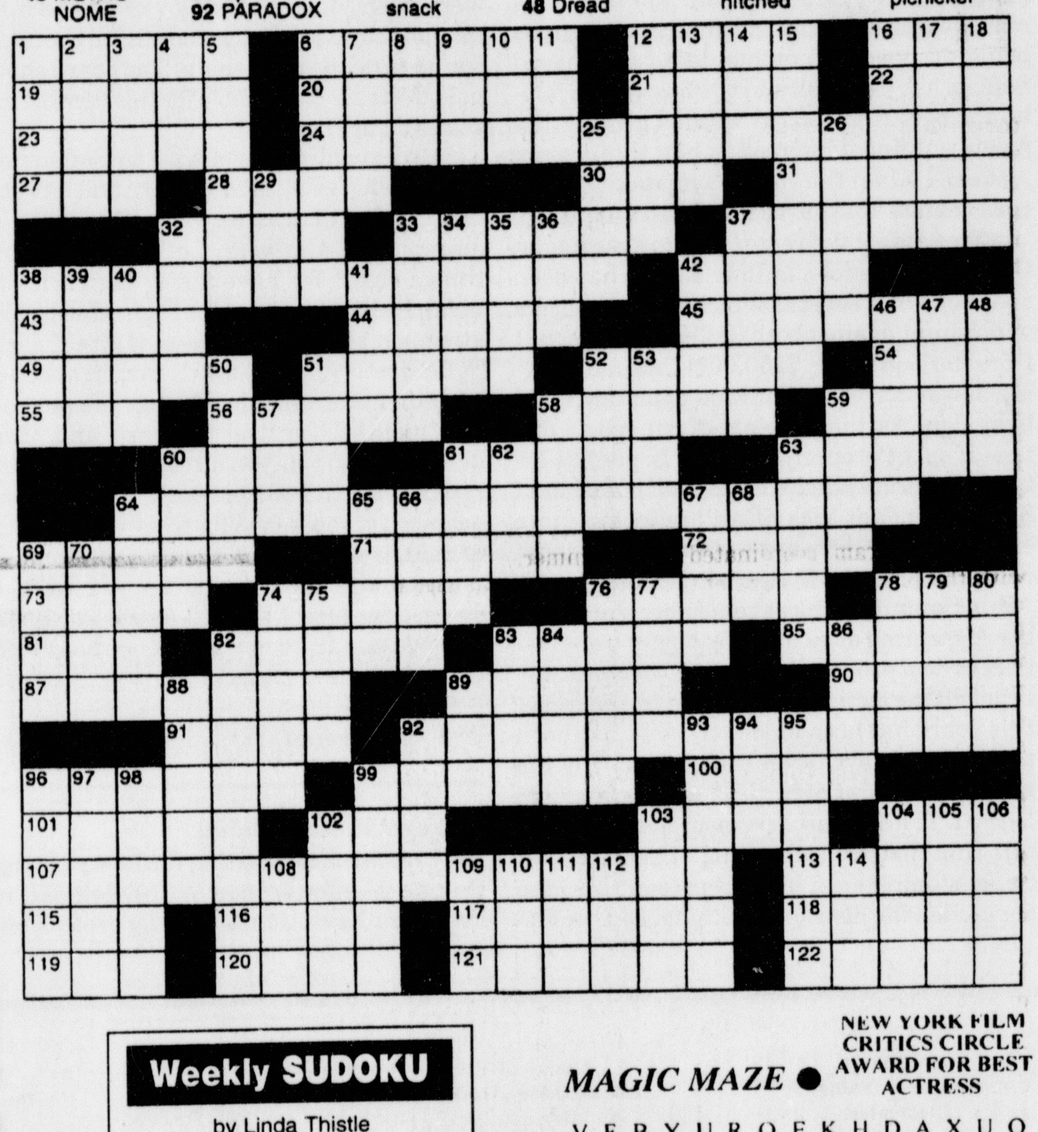




Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Assert
6 Booth Tarkington novel
12 Soft lump
16 Palm Sunday beast
19 Tom of "Amadeus"
20 Herbivorous lizard
21 Verdi heroine
22 Mineral spring
23 Shake-spearean sprite
24 CAUTER-IZE
27 Favorite
28 Not as much
30 He'll give you a squeeze
31 Tremble
32 Rock's — the Hoople
33 TV's "Highway to —"
37 Civil War era senator
38 POLYGON
42 Prepare cherries
43 Part of Q.E.D.
44 Senator Specter
45 METRO-NOME
49 Wading bird
51 Banishes bacteria
52 Blueprints
54 Neckline style
55 Thompson or Salonga
56 At daybreak
58 Objective
59 Ms. Lollobrigida
60 Big rig
61 Tic
63 Martha Stewart's concern
64 MINIMUM
69 Legendary Yankee
71 Playwright Clifford
72 Hold up
73 Soap additive
74 '92 Presidential contender
76 Serenity
78 Promise
81 Ipanema's locale
82 Hall or Hannah
83 "Manon" melodies
85 Christopher of "Deathtrap"
87 INFANTRY
89 Leaves out
90 Eloquent equine
91 Up on
92 PARADOX
96 Fusillades
99 With 69 Down, playground fixture
100 Lament loudly
101 Diarist Nin
102 Aachen article
103 Nomad pad
104 Sternward
107 MARIGOLD
113 Not as common
115 Catchall abbr.
116 Beehive State
117 Yasser —
118 Join forces
119 Comic Charlotte
120 Betting setting
121 Engines
122 Salmon serving

DOWN
1 Bloke
2 Decoy
3 Came down to earth
4 "— Station Zebra" ('68 film)
5 Laid-back
6 Farm feature
7 Corporate clashers
8 Squirrel's snack
9 Stadium shout
10 "— Fine Day" ('63 tune)
11 — es Salaam
12 Solti's stick
13 Ford or Grey
14 Horatian creation
15 Feasts
16 Oriental
17 Wheel part
18 More rational
25 Drive the getaway car
26 — tuck
29 LAX letters
32 Spouse
33 Master Potter
34 Agatha's colleague
35 Son of Zeus
36 Max — Sydow
37 Economize
38 Stagger
39 Be an advocate
40 Japan's first capital
41 Chef Prudhomme
42 Analyze poetry
46 Dislodge
47 Carson's successor
48 Dread
50 Singer Marie
51 Nursery furniture
52 Ritzy
53 Like a wet noodle
57 TV's "Judging —"
58 Generic grade?
59 Fellow
60 Sovereign's title
61 Manuscript imperative
62 Prepare cherries
63 Table
64 Girl Scout unit
65 Actor Calhoun
66 Matinee —
67 Rueful cry
68 Rocker Ocasek
69 See 99 Across
70 Literary pseudonym
74 Unisex garment
75 Therefore
76 Succinct
77 Word with mark or money
78 Actress Miles
79 Pizzeria equipment
80 Gets hitched
82 Colossal fossil
83 Out of control
84 Ready to eat
86 Runner Zatopek
88 Furious
89 "My — True Love" ('54 song)
92 Reggae's Peter
93 Cake and candy
94 Actor Ziering
95 — Heights, CA
96 Morley of "60 Minutes"
97 "West Side Story" role
98 "Camelot" prop
99 Swaggering
102 Anthropologist Fossey
103 Dictator
104 Racer Luyendyk
105 Chalky cheese
106 Arduous journey
108 Hwy.
109 "I Am —" ('01 film)
110 In favor of
111 Pablum variety
112 Tabloid flier
114 Unpopular picnicker



DAFFYNITIONS

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ *HOO BOY!*

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MAGIC MAZE

NEW YORK FILM CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD FOR BEST ACTRESS

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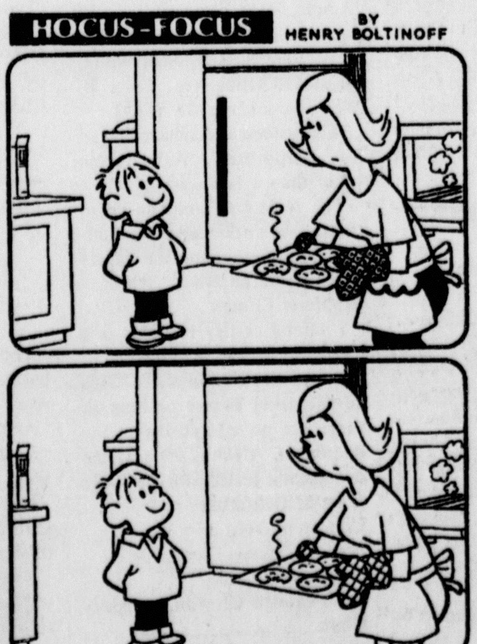
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Christie, Davis, Diaz, Fonda, Garbo, Kelly, Kerr, Lane, Leigh, Linney, Rainer, Spacek, Staunton, Swank, Watson

Answers to Puzzles Page 4

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. 17-Across minus 16-Across
4. 10-Across minus 15-Down
5. One-half of 14-Across
7. Consecutive digits in descending order
8. Consecutive digits in descending order
10. Three times 16-Across
11. 12-Down plus 13-Down
13. Consecutive digits in ascending order
14. Four different even digits
16. Ten more than 13-Across
17. One-third of 7-Down

DOWN
2. Same digit repeated
3. The last digit is four times the first digit
4. Sixty more than 17-Across
6. 10-Down minus 8-Across
7. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
9. Two times 1-Across
10. Consecutive digits in ascending order
12. Six hundred more than 9-Down
13. Five times 4-Across
15. Digits of 3-Down reversed

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DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT



"The Ringer"

Running time: 95 minutes
MPAA rating: PG-13

After seeing previews of "The Ringer," I was prepared to watch the most offensive film in history. I mean, come on — it's produced by the Crown Princes of Bad Taste, The Farrelly Brothers, and stars "Jackass" creator Johnny Knoxville as a guy who pretends to be retarded in order to compete in the Special Olympics so he can win a bet. I was positive this movie would offend everybody, including myself.

Boy was I wrong.

"The Ringer" is a surprisingly sweet comedy that treats its mentally challenged subjects with honesty and dignity.

Oh sure, there are the trademark Farrelly Brothers gross-out gags and a few uncomfortably funny moments, but never at the expense of the handicapped characters, some of whom are played by actors with Down's syndrome.

The film was made with the support and endorsement of the Special Olympics (something I didn't know until researching this review), which felt "The Ringer" would shatter the stereotypes of the mentally challenged.

"The Ringer" certainly fulfills this mission — in spades. By the third act, whenever I heard some "normal" person refer to the athletes as "special," I would cringe, because the film had done such a remarkable job of showing the athletes as three-dimensional human beings. They're Real People, warts and all, not the saccharine-sweet, Forrest Gumpy saints that Hollywood and most people would like to see them portrayed.



Johnny Knoxville (right) fails to keep up.

Knoxville does an admirable job of playing the guilt-ridden, yet kind-hearted schlub stuck in a reprehensible situation; and co-star Katherine Heigl is simply a joy to watch.

I heartily recommend "The Ringer." Trust me, don't be fooled by the trailer. This is a movie that will surprise, delight and educate you, while still providing the requisite belly laughs.

GRADE: B

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FLOODS from p. 1

Summers emphasized that, in the event of steadily rising floodwaters, the city's goal would be to evacuate residents early, so people have time to cope with traffic congestion and get out of town.

And while the city posts flood threat news on its website (www.cityofwestsacramento.org), and on local cable TV (Channel 20), and expects that local broadcast news will help keep people informed about emergencies, he also told the crowd about "Reverse 911."

That program, coordinated with the phone company, let's city officials dial local numbers by computer to tell residents when they're in danger. Some residents also wondered why the city didn't have an emergency siren.

"Reverse 911 is an area initiative," responded Summers. "It is being covered by federal funds, homeland security funds. We have also requested funds for a siren system."

But a siren hasn't been funded. Meanwhile, the Reverse 911 program is nearly operational.

Several residents felt that West Sacramento underplayed dangers during the last set of storms around New Year's Day – although Ruzich, from Reclamation District 900, said this city was not in serious danger.

"Your communication stinks," alleged resident Pat Flint. "I watched all the stations and there was nothing said about West Sacramento."

"We were not told the truth," said resident Dani Langford, referring to a leaking southern city levee that engineers reinforced during the storms. "Water is still getting through."

She added that an internet source informed her that repairs to the levee ought to be done differently.

Ruzich responded:

"That area is one where we had a lot of seepage. You sandbag it until there is no (solid) material moving through -- you want the water to go through or it pops up somewhere else."

Ruzich added that the trouble near Davis Road is a "minor problem" that is being monitored, and extensive repairs will most likely wait until river levels drop this summer.

Another resident asked:

"What about the story in the Sacramento Bee that says Reclamation District 900 is bankrupt? If you want to take up a collection, we have people who will contribute now!"

"We're not bankrupt," answered Ruzich. "We are operating at a loss and we can operate at a loss for a while. At some point we're going to raise our (taxation) rates, but right now we have enough reserves."

Ruzich was optimistic about West Sacramento's levees. He estimated that they would protect against the kind of storms that have about a "one in 200" chance of happening in a given year. He said this protection is better than Sacramento's.

"Our levees are rated higher than theirs," said Ruzich.

But he added that a map printed in the Sacramento newspaper, showing how deep different parts of the region could flood, was misleading when it came to West Sacramento.

"It isn't like two feet deep – it is more like 15 feet deep if you get that maximum flood elevation."

THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Philomena Corradeno

POMEGRANATES HAVE ODD LOOK, GREAT TASTE



If you've never experienced the taste of a pomegranate, have a look at this unusual fruit that has been around since ancient days. There are references to it in a medical text by Dioscorides, a Greek physician with Nero's army. Its health value was recognized then, and new research indicates that pomegranates are rich in antioxidants, which may help promote a healthy heart. Like all fresh fruits and vegetables, they have no cholesterol and are good sources of vitamin C, iron and potassium.

Don't pass up this odd-looking fruit, which is unique inside and out. Try it and you too may become a fan. Several varieties are grown in California, among them POM Wonderful, which is what's in the market now.

Pomegranates have a thin, burgundy red skin enclosing arils, jewel-like edible juice sacs that hold tiny edible seeds. Arils rest in a thin yellowish-white membrane that easily peels away and is discarded. Many consumers chew and swallow the seeds, while others prefer to — there's no nice way to say this — spit them out.

Pomegranates are not only good to eat, they add a lovely touch to home decor. You'll find ideas on www.pomwonderful.com or www.pomegranates.org.

You can juice them, or use packaged juice, which is in the refrigerator section. Latkes with Pomegranate Syrup uses this convenience, as well as a latke mix.

LATKES WITH POMEGRANATE SYRUP

1 POM Wonderful pomegranate
2 cups pomegranate juice
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 package latke mix

Score skin of pomegranate from top to bottom in five or six places. Place pomegranate in bowl of water to free arils. Arils will sink to bottom and membrane will float to top. Discard membrane. Drain and place arils in another bowl. Dry 1/4 cup arils on paper towels and set aside. Refrigerate remaining arils up to 3 days.

To make syrup: Combine juice and sugar in small saucepan. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer about 20 minutes until reduced to 1 cup, stirring frequently. Keep warm.

Meanwhile, prepare latkes according to package directions. Place on serving plate. Drizzle with pomegranate syrup. Garnish with reserved 1/4 cup arils. Makes 6 servings.

NEW PRODUCT NEWS: After an eight-year absence from the U.S., a new and different version of Nokkelost is being reintroduced to us by Norway's Blind Cow Dairy. This semi-hard, pale-yellow cheese is generously studded with fragrant cloves and cumin. Production is supervised by the Norwegian Food Control Authority, and only Norwegian ingredients must be used. Aged from three to seven months, it is perfect for snacking and ideal in cooking, as it melts smoothly. ... The Pillsbury Doughboy has been working overtime to bring new products to market: Ultimate Muffins include Blueberry, Caramel Apple and Chocolate Fudge Chocolate Chip. Each kit contains muffin mix, filling and streusel topping. And, his Ultimate Dessert Kits will now include Cookies n' Crème, Triple Chocolate Mousse, White Velvet Mousse, Triple Chocolate, Chocolate Caramel and Strawberry 'n Crème. Each kit contains mixes, fillings and toppings. ... Tabasco has launched Sweet and Spicy pepper sauce, a blend of Asian spices infused with the original Tabasco sauce, ideal for adding sweet heat to marinades, dips, salsa, dressings and glazes. ... Kraft introduces Supermac and Cheese, a new twist on the classic with whole grains, calcium, vitamins, B1, C, D and E in fun shapes.

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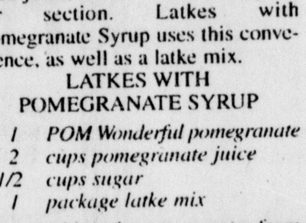
TEST DRIVE

by Greg Zyla

2006 GMC Savana Conversion Van
Base price: $29,800
Price as tested: $52,750

This week, we test-drive a vehicle that still offers some of the best transportation available for active families, executives or individuals who rate first-class ground travel a priority.

We're talking about GMC's beautiful 2006 Savana Conversion Van, with complete transformation by Centurion Vehicles, Inc. Centurion is a division of the Conversion Van Marketing Association, which is a partnership between General Motors and 23 of the nation's top conversion-van manufacturers. CVMA members are the only manufacturers authorized by GM to build GMC and Chevrolet conversion vans, putting owners at ease knowing that parent General Motors blesses the process.



The U.S. used to have more than 70 different time zones. In 1883, a system of four time zones was adopted to make railroad schedules easier to follow.

Built on the trusty GMC van chassis, today's GMC Conversion Van offers a wide variety of comforts and options, from leather interiors to home-theater-style entertainment systems that feature a 22-inch widescreen flat-panel display.

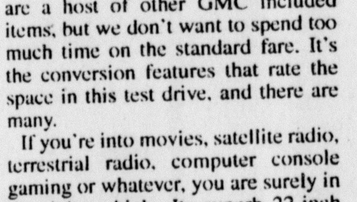
Power for our moving "den" came via GM's Vortec 5.3-liter V-8 and a high-tech automatic transmission. The engine produces 295 horsepower, more than enough to move the big van. These vehicles are not noted for great fuel mileage, and ours posts 14 mpg city, 18 mpg highway EPA numbers. Notable is a 7,200-pound GVW rating, which makes towing boats and other recreational vehicles easy.

Dual-level air bags and four-wheel disc brakes with ABS are standard, as are a host of other GMC included items, but we don't want to spend too much time on the standard fare. It's the conversion features that rate the space in this test drive, and there are many.

If you're into movies, satellite radio, terrestrial radio, computer console gaming or whatever, you are surely in the right vehicle. Its superb 22-inch TV truly shines when you pop a feature-length DVD movie into the player, while the surround-sound audio system mirrors those that sit in millions of dens across America. Each rear passenger can utilize headphones if desired, and set them to either tune in or tune out the selected broadcast.

This means while two passengers enjoy a movie, the others can take in the latest on XM Satellite radio or the local radio on a dual-zone system. If its play time, the integrated video gaming system will keep the younger ones (OK, us older ones, too) busy for the whole trip. There are abundant cup holders and coolers for drinks and snacks, and many smaller convenience items.

The Centurion's exterior is beautiful, as our tester had the high-top feature that allows passengers to better



stand up when moving about. The premium leather seating is exceptional, and its accompanying real-wood dark walnut trim makes for a true eye-popper. Everywhere you look, it's luxury, convenience and opulence. We especially like the third-row sleeper seating, which allows for conversion into a spacious bed for those overnight trips.

We rate the Centurion GMC Conversion Van a nine on a scale of one to 10.

SEFFENS from page one

you I did not steal that money. Mrs. Leland, I saw the look on your face, you were doubting her."

He added to the board that the "missing" money had been spent on things like athletic clothing, some of which was still on hand. And he added, "you told me I was doing it wrong, but nothing is being done differently."

Seffens outlined a number of incidences in which he said money from the athletic fund at the school was spent improperly, without his approval as athletic director. He said funds were used for a school mascot uniform, travel expenses for a female wrestler, a shooting machine for the basketball squad and other purposes – all outside of proper procedures.

"They spent $10,000 out of the athletic account without my approval, and we only get $18,000 (per year)," said Seffens. And he criticized Cotterell for pursuing charges against him.

"I had charges brought against me (by Associate Superintendent Cotterell), and then the associate superintendent held a meeting to ask my side. The associate superintendent, by doing this, without coming back to you with my side of the story, cost a lot of money. Who in human resources does not ask for both sides of the story?"

The charges against Seffens were dismissed last month by an arbitrator. But Seffens says his reputation has suffered.

"I always believed I'd be at River City for 40 years and coach baseball and teach," he said. "You guys have taken my dream from me. I don't even like to teach anymore. The things that go on at this school are a joke. My wife and I are looking for a new home in another neighborhood. You think that's going overboard? You have no idea. Kids come up to me and say, 'Hey, coach, did you steal that money?"

At one point, Seffens looked at his accuser, Cotterell, while demanding accountability from her. She stared back without comment. He asked for an apology from the board. None came.

Seffens finished his speech and returned to the audience, while several dozen people stood and applauded.

Board president Jones later said that the board couldn't comment because matter was now the subject of litigation.

Books

How to Be Lost
By Amanda Eyre Ward
(Ballantine Books, $13.95)
Review by Cindy Elavsky

Amanda Eyre Ward's second novel, "How to Be Lost," shatters the old cliché of the "sophomore slump." "Lost" is a harrowing, gut-wrenching adventure spliced with moments of love, humor and compassion.

The story begins in the present day, with Caroline, a 32-year-old cocktail waitress, living on the fringes of society in New Orleans. Her mother, Isabel, persuades a reluctant Caroline to come home for Christmas. While there, Isabel shows her a grainy picture of a young woman in People Magazine: A woman who looks exactly like her sister, Ellie. Fifteen years ago, when Ellie was only five, she disappeared, never to be seen again — that is, until Isabel finds this picture.

Spurred on by the loss of her job and other personal tragedies, Caroline realizes she must find out if that picture in the magazine really is that of her sister. She sets off on a cross-country journey to try and put this issue to rest, once and for all.

Interspersing Caroline's childhood flashbacks with third-person memories of her mother's growing up in the South, Caroline's journey from New Orleans to Missoula, Mont., becomes a cathartic, emotional journey as well. With each passing mile, the reader is provided a new scrap of information to savor — some detail in the puzzle that has become Caroline's existence.

"How to Be Lost" is one of those often talked about, yet rarely found, impossible-to-put-down books. While the mystery draws the reader in, the story of a destroyed family, a fractured sister-sister relationship and an almost-broken young woman is what keeps the reader turning the pages.

Books reviewed in this column are available online or at your local bookstore.

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THE YOLO INDEPENDENT FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1

RECEPTION TO BE TENDERED RETURNED HEROES IS IN COURSE OF FORMATION

THREE CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS OF WASHINGTON INTEND TO MAKE AFFAIR OF BROAD CHARACTER

At a meeting of the committee appointed by three Civic Associations of Washington last Monday night in the public school building it was partially decided that the reception would be of a public character in which all the people of the town might participate.

It is eivdent that the committees have in mind something very big, something out of the ordinary, something that will show the boys who went to the front that their services were appreciated to the fullest extent by the people of the town.

On account of the fact that the proportion of volunteers out of Washington in comparison with the population has no equal, so far as is known, the committees in charge decided that all the people of the town should be given an opportunity to voice their approval of the young mens' action on this occasion.

Only tentative plans were framed for the reception. Funds must be collected in order that it may be of such magnitude as will be befitting to the occasion, and the raising of those funds was the problem before the meeting.

Another meeting is to be held at the call of the chair, and that in the near future, for further discussion of the subject. Prof. J. L. Case is chairman of the General Committee.

Three of the volunteers, Frank Buckingham, Tommie Eddy and J. Casselman, are yet to return from service and as they are expected home soon, it is probable that the reception will not be held until they arrive.

BOY KILLED ON BRIDGE IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Saturday morning about 10 a. m. Daniel Treloar, seven-eyar-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Treloar of Sacramento, was killed on the draw section of the S. P. bridge when he was struck by an auto driven by L. Borach of Woodland.

The boy was struck by the fender of the machine and knocked toward the left side of the bridge, where he lay in a pool of blood. Dr. J. W. Crawford, who passed at the time of the accident, rushed the boy to the receiving hospital, but life had left the little body, however, before the hospital was reached.

Borach stopped his car immediately after the accident. Borach declared he was coming from the Washington side when the child, starting from the south side of the bridge, ran unexpectedly in front of the car, making the accident unavoidable. Mrs. Rosalie Borach and J. M. Clary, other occupants of the car substantiated Borach's story.

The campaign to raise the required funds will be pressed so that construction may begin at the earliest possible moment.

SOLDIER BOY HELD UP ON BRIDGE BY THUGS

Last Tuesday night three thugs held up and robbed Glen Barber on the Sacramento end of the S. P. bridge and robbed him of $25, even though he was dressed in his overseas uniform.

A companion escaped. Barber resisted and was badly beaten and stabbed in the breast. He was left bleeding on the bridge and suffering badly.

He was found by Patrolmen Wm. Kramer and Darwin.

CLAIMS ALLOWED BY YOLO SUPERVISORS

The following claims were allowed by the Board of Supervisors at the regular November meeting:

Road District No. 1.

H. F. Anderson, roadwork	$120.75
E. L. Blackington, roadwork	326.00
Granville Cecil, haul gravel	57.75
Billie Gordon, roadwork	18.37
Geo. A. Gordon, roadwork	34.12
Geo. A. Gordon, roadwork	47.25
Holland Land Co., roadwork	299.87
T. McCarth, roadwork	351.75
Frank E. Miller, roadwork	157.50
Geo. H. Raabe, haul gravel	84.00
O. E. Van Tassel, roadwork	265.00
O. E. Van Tassel, roadwork	173.25
C. E. VanDeren & Son, mdse	7.45
Washington Water and Light Co., water	45.00

At the W. C. T. U. convention in St. Louis the othea day a fund of $300,000 was set aside to wage the world prohibition campaign.

Funds must be easy with the association.

Milos N. Gopcevic, a farmer of Lake County, is reported to be the heir to the throne of Montenegro.

Whether he is or not, he is better off growing grapes or tobacco or rice in Lake County than he would be a King in Montenegro.

POPULACE PLANS NEW HOSPITAL FOR SISTERS

Following the announcement that the Sacramento Medical Society and the management of the Sisters' Hospital had joined forces for the building of a new general hospital building at a cost of $400,000, developments in the plan came rapidly.

Yesterday afternoon office equipment was installed in the large downstairs banquet room at the Sacramento Hotel, a force of typists and stenographers was engaged and work preparatory to the opening of an intensive campaign early in December was begun. This activity will be largely increased as the movement progresses.

While it is too early for the actual selection of the general campaign committee, the matter will be canvassed at a meeting to be held soon by a number of men and women interested in the hospital enterprise. The meeting will be held at the Sacramento Hotel.

The hospital question was discussed at length at the meeting of the medical society at the Sacramento Hotel last night.

Under the plans already worked out the government of the institution will be vested in the bishop, the mother superior, three representatives of the medical profession and a business manager, representative of the public at large. It is also provided that as soon as the hospital shall be made free of debt all surplus earnings shall go into a fund to be used exclusively for the improvement and betterment of the hospital itself.

The powerful interests that are backing the proposition for the building of this $400,000 hospital, in the opinion of those present at the meeting last night, are an absolute guarantee of the success of the campaign.

The prime movers in the philanthropic enterprise are the men comprising the medical committee of the Chamber of Commerce, who, of course, represent that body.

Under the plans agreed upon the medical and surgical departments of the hospital will be in the hands of the doctors. The future earnings of the hospital will go into a fund for the development of the hospital and for charitable work.

Ohio, are stopping in Sacramento and are investigating land conditions in the valley, especially in Yolo County, where they have been greatly impressed with what they have seen.

Mrs. Celia Hart motored to San Francisco last Monday to visit for two weeks.

A fair crowd attended the dance given by the Parent-Teachers last Wednesday night in the public school. The music, which was furnished by a Sacramento orchestra, was good.

Last week The Independent announced the issuance of a marriage certificate in San Francisco to F. H. Skoybeda and Miss Eleanor Babroff, both of Riverbank. The wedding, however, was postponed and Miss Babroff became impatient. Twelve days later she appeared at the County Clerk's office in Sacramento with W. A. Kristoff of Alameda and asked for another certificate, explaining that Skoybeda was "too slow."

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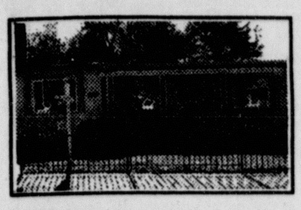
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(NAPS)—The fastest way for taxpayers to prepare and e-file their return is with inexpensive and easy-to-use computer-tax software or online tax-preparation Web sites such as www.turbotax.com. These convenient, affordable options help you get all the deductions you deserve and do the math for you—even guaranteeing calculations.

Home Ideas

(NAPS)—In the aftermath of a devastating flood, it can be easy to overlook energy-efficient rebuilding. But it is in those subsequent days, weeks and months that people can do the most good for themselves by rebuilding in a manner that will reduce future damage—and could even end up saving them money. The Department of Energy recommends considering energy efficient water heating and space conditioning equipment, sealing and insulating ductwork, and closed cell foam wall insulation. To learn more, visit www.energysavers.gov.



Installing roll-in insulation between the basement and the first floor is an easy way to keep the chill at bay, advises Keith Hahn, the chief operating officer of Handyman Connection, a nationwide network of home improvement and repair contractors. For more information, call 1-800-466-5530 or visit Handyman Connection online at www.handymanconnection.com.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Title Order No. 2790063 Trustee Sale No. C-6800 Reference No. 0044586147 APN 014-553-18 You are in default under a Deed of Trust dated 07-14-03. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceedings against you, you should contact a lawyer. On 02-08-06 at 12:00 p.m., Robert E. Weiss Incorporated as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 07-17-03 as Document No. 2003-0042271, Book ***, Page *** of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, executed by: Loretta Gutierrez, an unmarried woman, and Sherry Gutierrez, an unmarried woman, as Trustor Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary. Will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state.) At: at the rear (north) entrance to the city hall building, 1110 West Capital Avenue, West Sacramento, CA all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein : As more fully described on said Deed of Trust . The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 760 Elder Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95605-2427 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: The land referred to in this guarantee is situated in the State of California, City of West Sacramento, County of Yolo and is described as follows: Lot 54, Elkhorn Village No. 1, filed November 3, 1950 in book 4 of maps, page 30, Yolo County records. $101,645.73 Estimated. Accrued interest and additional advances if any will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Dated: 01-11-06 **Robert E. Weiss Incorporated, as Trustee,** Attn: Foreclosure Dept, 920 Village Oaks Drive, Covina, CA 91724 Telephone Number: (626) 967-4302 Cris A Klingerman, Esq. We are attempting to collect a debt, and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. ASAP#751189 01/18/2006, 01/25/2006, 02/01/2006

NOTICE OF HEARING
February 2, 2006

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, February 2, 2006, at West Sacramento Civic Center, Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:

6:00 p.m.

Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary for 2006- The Planning Commission will elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary for 2006.

CONSENT AGENDA
REGULAR AGENDA

1. Public Hearing on the Washington Specific Plan Minor Deviations, Planned Development No. 30 Amendments, Proposed Development Agreements and Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Raley's Landing Mixed-Use Development

The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing and make a recommendation to the City Council on the following actions; 1) Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report, 2) Proposed Washington Specific Plan Minor Deviations, 3) Planned Development 30 amendments, and 4) Four proposed development agreements for the Raley's Landing Mixed-Use development. The project includes approximately 900 multifamily residential units, 845,000 gross square feet of office space, 102,000 square feet of commercial/retail uses, and possibly 100–300 hotel rooms with a 7,000 to 15,000 square foot conference center; It would provide between 4,351 and 4,651 on-site parking spaces, including surface and multilevel parking spaces. The proposed project is divided into four development areas: the Washington Street property and the River 1, River 2, and River 3 areas and is approximately 18.2 acres and is bordered by the Sacramento River on the east, Fifth Street on the west, West Capitol Avenue on the south, and intersected by Third Street. The City Council will also conduct a public hearing to certify the Final Environmental Impact Report at a future date. APPLICANT/OWNER: Raley's Inc., Teei Family Trust, D/P Fourth Street (Panattoni Development), Principal Real Estate Investors, and Signature Properties. (JB)

2. Public Workshop Regarding the Rivers Phase II Project

The applicant, West Riverview, LLC, is proposing to develop 68 acres located within the area formerly known as the Lighthouse Marina and Riverbend Development. The proposal involves the development of 626 single family homes, a 12.3 acre K-8 school site, and a two-acre park. If the Washington Unified School District does not develop the 12.3 acre school site, the project would construct an additional 176 residential units on the site for a total of 802 units. The project includes text amendments to Planned Development 29, a vesting tentative subdivision map, and installation of approximately 3,000 linear feet of bank stabilization along the Sacramento River. The project site is bordered by the Sacramento River on the north, Lighthouse Drive on the south, and Fountain Drive on the east and west. The Draft EIR has been prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines, with the City as the CEQIA lead agency. APPLICANT: West Riverview, LLC, 905 Lighthouse Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95605 (SW)

Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Jan 18

Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Yolo
Case No. PT03-2131
ORDER FOR PUBLICATION
LISA SUHONOS,
Petitioner, vs. Matthew Jay Holverstott, Respondent

In the above matter, good cause being shown:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Reissue Temporary Restraining Order be served by publication in the News-Ledger, a newspaper of general circulation published in West Sacramento, California, hereby designated as a newspaper likely to give Respondent actual notice of the action, and that the publication be made once a week for four successive weeks.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of the Reissue Temporary Restraining Order, Notice of Hearing and Temporary Restraining Order, and a copy of this Order be forthwith mailed to Respondent before expiration of the time herein prescribed for publication.

DATED January 5, 2006
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Reissue Temporary Restraining Order
Filed Yolo Superior Court
Jan 5 2006
By Delores Maciolek, Deputy
Superior Court of California,
County of Yolo
725 Court Street. Woodland CA 95695
Case Number: PT03-2131

(1) Your name: LISA SUHONOS

Your Attorney: Krystal Callaway Jaime, 1100 Main Street, Suite 310, Woodland, CA 95695; SBN: 230622, (530) 668-4568

(2) Name of person you want protection from: Matthew Jay Holverstott

(3) I ask the Court to reissue the Temporary Restraining Order specified on Form CH-120. The last Temporary Restraining Order was issued on 11/22/05. The Order was reissued 2 times.

(4) I ask the court to reissue the Order because I could not get the Order served before the hearing date; Respondent is avoiding service and Petitioner needs permission to publish.

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information above is true and correct.
Date: 1/4/06.
/s/Krystal Callaway Jaime

(5) The request to reissue the Temporary Restraining Order is granted. The order listed in (3) is reissued and reset for hearing in this court on the date and time below. Unless the Court extends the time, the Order will end on the date and time below.
Hearing Date: 2/28/06
Time: 8:30 a.m.
At 812 Court Street, Dept. 11, Woodland CA 95695.

(6) If this Order is granted, a copy of this Order must be served on the person in (2) before the hearing, along with the other documents requesting orders to stop harassment.

(7) By the close of business on the date this Order is made, a copy of this Order and any proof of service forms must be delivered to the law enforcement agency listed in (8) by: the attorney of the person in (1).

(8) The law enforcement agency listed below will serve the person in (2) with a copy of this Order and any attached orders: Yolo County Sheriff Department, 41793 Gibson Road, Woodland CA 95695.
Date: 1/6/06
/s/Judicial Officer

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec. 13, 2005
by: /Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 04-12748 Doc ID #000ONEA565CA2005N Title Order No. 2463940 Investor/Insurer No. 300921737 APN No. 045-563-26-1 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/23/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that CTC Real Estate Services, as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by BERNICE D. O'NEAL, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, dated 02/23/2004 and recorded 02/27/04, as Instrument No. 2004-0007630-00, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 02/01/2006 at 12:00PM, At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3092 CARMEL BAY ROAD, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA, 95691. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $262,573.84. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 01/21/2005 CTC Real Estate Services 5898 CONDOR DRIVE, MP-88 MOORPARK, CA 93021 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (805) 578-6618 By: Trustee's Sale Officer CTC Real Estate Services is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 741610 01/11/2006, 01/18/2006, 01/25/2006

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
Augusta Mary Perini
CASE NUMBER PB05-251

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Augusta Mary Perini:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by William Perini in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that William Perini be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Jan. 19, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 11, 812 Court St., Woodland CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a "Request for Special Notice" (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A "Request for Special Notice" form is available from the court clerk.

Linda S. Patrick
1540 Jefferson Blvd.
West Sacramento CA 95691
(916) 371-5780

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 7, 2005
File No. 2005-1283

The following person is doing business as First Horizon Funding, 3215 Bermuda Ave. #8, Davis CA 95616:

Dianna L. Sonju, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/7/05.

/s/Dianna L. Sonju

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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec. 7, 2005
by: /Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk

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Notice of Significant Noncompliance
Notice of Industries Located in the City of West Sacramento Demonstrating Significant Noncompliance of Industrial Waste for the Calendar Year 2005

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) General Pretreatment Regulations for Existing and New Sources of Pollution, 40 CFR Part 403, require the City of West Sacramento Public Works Department to publish on an annual basis a list of Industrial Users which, during the previous 12 months, were significantly violating applicable Pretreatment Standards or other Pretreatment Requirements.

The following Industrial User was found to be in significant noncompliance during the calendar year 2005. This company has been subject to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plants administrative enforcement procedures.

Raley's Production Bakery, at 3925 Seaport Blvd.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 3, 2006
File No. 2006-0001

The following person is doing business as Pacific Spa, 117 W Main St., Ste. B-17, Woodland CA 95695:

Ord Suphasa, 5248 Etruscan Dr., Fairfield CA 94534.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/1/06.

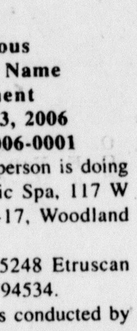
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Havey's Barber Shop



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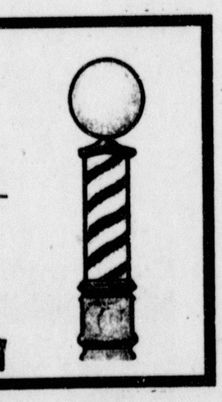
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Local Scene

Food giveaway

The Food Bank of Yolo County will distribute food to eligible West Sacramento residents and Clarksburg residents on Jan. 23 at the Clarksburg Firehouse from 10:30-11:30 a.m.; and on Jan. 24 from 9-11 a.m. at the West Sacramento County Building, 500 Jefferson Blvd. For information on eligibility, please call (530) 758-6821. Please bring a bag.

Pasta for cheerleaders

Cheerleaders from River City High School and Club West will host their annual spaghetti feed & dance on Jan. 28 at the VFW Hall, 905 Drever Street. Dinner is served from 6-8 p.m. and dancing will follow. Entrance is $7 (for the dance only, $3). Proceeds will benefit the cheer programs. Buy a ticket from any cheerleader or call Leslie Pruitt, 417-4277, or buy a ticket at the door.

Moose dinner/dance

West Sacramento's Moose Lodge plans a Western Dinner & Dance on Sat., Jan. 21. Cost for members and their guests is $10 per person. For information or tickets, call 371-6415.

Hazardous stuff

A "Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day" is scheduled for Sat., Jan. 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the county landfill. County residents may bring waste products such as leftover paint, motor oil, pesticides, antifreeze and household cleaners for safe disposal or recycling. For information, call (530) 666-8729. Business wastes are accepted by appointment only; call (800) 433-5060.

Dinner/auction

Our Lady of Grace School will hold its annual Dinner & Auction on Sat., March 4. Tickets will go on sale soon. Call 371-9416 for information.

Financial aid

River City High School will host a financial aid information night on Wed., Jan. 18, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the school library. Senior class members bound for college or trade school, and their parents, are welcome.

Southport project

One of the consultants involved in the creation of the Southport Framework Plan will be on hand at a two community meetings to discuss the plan and one related private development, "Yarbrough." The meetings will both take place at the Sacramento Yacht Club, 3365 South River Road at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 12 and on Jan. 24. Space is limited; please RSVP at www.YarbroughLiving.com or by calling 375-1411.

Affordable help

The Sacramento State Center for Counseling and Diagnostic Services offers appointments for children and adults to receive counseling in family, marriage, career and vocational rehabilitation issues. Services through one academic semester are available for a flat fee of $75. Staffed by advanced counseling and psychology graduate students; sessions are weekly through mid-May. Call 278-6252 or email ccds@csus.edu.

Casino trip

Italian Catholic Federation Branch 282 will host a bus trip to the Colusa Casino on Mon., Jan. 23. Cost is $16, with a casino bonus of a $10 play card. Departure is 10 a.m. from the River Cities Funeral Chapel parking lot, and return is approximately 5 p.m. Call Alma Soost, 371-4871, for reservations.

County history

The Yolo County Historical Society will present "Causeway to Carquinez: Putting Davis on the Road Map," by Miriam Hull, at the Jan. 22 general meeting, 2-4 p.m. at the Hattie Weber Museum, 5th and C streets in Davis. Also on the program will be Phyllis Haig, presenting "Historic Hotels of Davis." Open to the public.

Relay against cancer

A "kickoff meeting" for the Relay for Life event to raise money for the American Cancer Society will be held on Wed., Jan. 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the Margaret McDowell Manor, 1525 Merkley Avenue. Learn more about the event and how to get involved. Teams registering at the event will receive a discount. The actual relay is scheduled for May 6-7 at River City High School. For information, call 446-7933 or email trista.jensen@cancer.org.

Small biz

Sacramento City College's Small Business Center offers classes in a variety of topics targeted for small business owners and managers, including marketing, financing, record-keeping, management skills and creating a business plan. Call 375-5511.

Help with your bill

PG&E and the Salvation Army have announced an increase in one-time assistance for PG&E customers who have a one-time unexpected problem paying their bill. Such customers may be eligible for $300 in help. For information on the "REACH" program, call (800) 933-9677 or visit www.pge.com/reach.

Bingo

The West Sacramento Soroptimists will host "Bingo for Baskets," along with a tostada lunch, on Sun., Feb. 12, at the VFW Hall on Drever Street. $12 includes lunch at noon and 15 games from 1-4 p.m. Proceeds support local service project. Bingo prizes valued at $35-50. Bring a friend and your dauber. Call 371-4268 for tickets.

Graduation

The 19th graduating class of the Yolo County Conservation Program will be recognized at a public ceremony at 1 p.m. on Jan. 20 at the board of supervisors chambers, 625 Court Street, Room 204 in Woodland. The program is a probation-department run program for wards of the court.

Medicare info wanted

Yolo County Supervisor Mariko Yamada is asking for stories (good and bad) about the debut of Medicare Part D, the new federalized and privatized prescription drug benefit that became effective on Jan. 1. You may email your story to district4@yolocounty.org or call (530) 666-8624. Yamada intends to share what her office learns with state and federal representatives.

For teachers

Grants of $5,000 to $10,000 are available to K-12 teachers involved in programs to teach energy education or conservation, courtesy of the BP corporation. Application deadline is April 6 and may be obtained from www.aplusforenergy.org.

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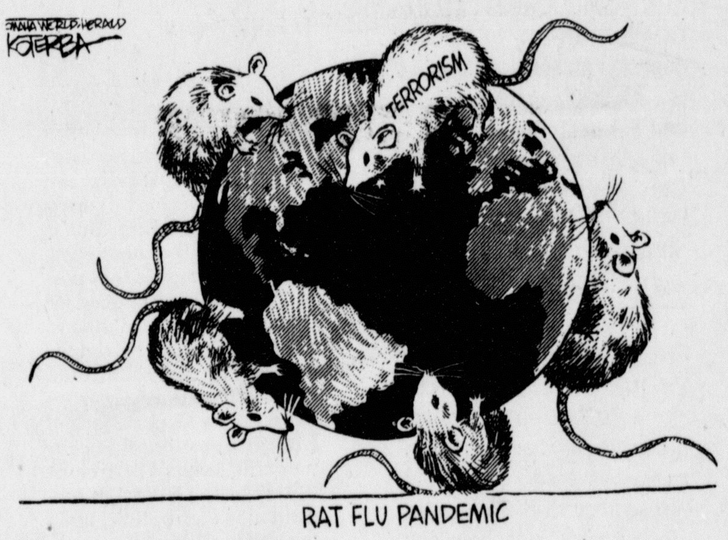
From Monday, Jan. 23 to Friday, Feb. 17, Evergreen Avenue between Briarwood and Sycamore will be closed to vehicles as the Lower Northwest Interceptor project installs sewer pipelines. Traffic will be detoured to West Capitol via Harbor Blvd.

Chamber awards

The West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce will host its annual installation of officers and awards ceremony on Jan. 26 at the "Old Sugar Mill" in Clarksburg, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Individual tickets are $50. Awardees will include Wallace-Kuhl & Associates as "Business of the Year," Mike Webber as "Ambassador of the Year," Leonard Strickland as "Businessperson of the Year," and Betty Pinkston as "Volunteer of the Year." A "Lifetime Achievement Award will go to Jolaine Beers. Call 371-7042 for information.

New parents

New or expecting parents can receive a "parent kit" free from the First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission. Call (530) 669-2478.



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